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Major McCusker:

Per our telecon, I am sending you proposed remarks for General Heinz's introduction of Dr. Robert Costello, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition at the Counter-Low Observable Symposium on 28 November 1988. I have also attached a copy of the agenda and a short biography of Dr. Costello.

I enjoyed meeting with you and General Heinz on 18 November and appreciate your help in providing information about General Perroots. Please convey my thanks to General Heinz.

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**UNDER
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(ACQUISITION)**

HONORABLE ROBERT B. COSTELLO

Robert Bassett Costello was nominated by President Reagan to be Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) on September 23, 1987; was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 17, 1987; and took the oath of office on December 18, 1987.

Born in New Rochelle, New York, on June 21, 1926, Dr. Costello earned his B.C.E and M.C.E. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1947 and 1948. He received a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Cornell University in 1951.

Dr. Costello enlisted in the Navy in 1944, was recalled to active duty as an officer during the Korean War, and retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of Captain in 1978.

After the Korean War, Dr. Costello held a number of positions in advanced research and management, specializing in material science, aerospace, missile testing, and engineering.

In 1960, Dr. Costello joined the Allison Division of General Motors as Chief of Missile Engineering. Subsequently, Dr. Costello conducted scientific research in deep ocean engineering and acoustic research at the Defense Research Laboratories. He holds numerous patents in deep ocean materials, systems, and instrumentation. Dr. Costello then returned to the Allison Division as Director, Liaison for the Main Battle Tank Program.

Dr. Costello was then assigned to the Delco Electronics Division, where he became the Director of Materials Management. In 1982, Dr. Costello was appointed the Executive Director, Purchasing Activities, for the entire General Motors Corporation. He was responsible for providing new directions and implementing a broad range of new programs throughout General Motors and its suppliers worldwide for all goods and services, with annual purchases exceeding \$50 billion.

Dr. Costello was nominated by President Reagan to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics) on October 2, 1986; was confirmed by the United States Senate on March 11, 1987; and took the oath of office on March 13, 1987. He held this position until his current appointment.

Dr. Costello and his wife Marcia reside in McLean, Virginia.

